## PENSION

#### Inquiries Answered and Suggestions Made.

fAll communications for this column should be accompanied by the true name and correct address of the inquirer. The reply, however, will be marked as may be desired. No attention will be given to abonymous inquiries. If no re-ply is printed within three weeks, write again.]

J. J. V., Rockview, W. Va.-As the present Administration continues to construe the act of June 27, 1890, in substantially the same manner as it was construed by the last Administration, and under which construction many invalid pensioners under the act of 1890 were reduced or dropped from the pension roll, it is in many cases impossible to secure the restoration of the pension or of the former rate. But the lapse of time has in very many instances brought with it increased disablement so as to entitle to pension or a higher rate, even under present holdings. S. B., La Crescent, Minn.—The act of March 3, 1891, contains the following: "And provided further, That hereafter no pension shall be allowed or paid to any officer, non-commissioned officer, or private in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States, either on the active or re-

G. B., Princeton, Ind.-The act of March 3, 1865, provided: "Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That every non-commissioned officer, private or other person who has been, or shall hereafter be, discharged ferred from one pension agency to another. from the Army of the United States by A pension voucher might be held, unreason of wounds received in battle, on executed, for as long as three years. On

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ternal violence.

may not properly be chargeable to the at-

when the Pension Bureau cannot be heard

not sought and is not seeking to secure

General Land Office, Washington, D. C."

it may refuse to recognize the guardian duly appointed by proper authority. Mere lack of intelligence or lack of ordinary

education would not be ground for the ap

W. R. N., Middlebury, Vt.-The rate of

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bined causes proven to be due to the serv-

ice and line of duty, his displacement is,

in the opinion of the Pension Bureau,

equivalent in degree to the loss of a hand

or foot. If drawing the \$25 rate, he could

not go higher unless, in the opinion of the

Pension Bureau, wholly unable to perform

quence of his combined disabilities proven

rebellion is not a bar to pension under the

act of June 27, 1890, for faithful service

G. H. L.-The date of marriage to the

into during the war of the rebellion.

Joseph, Haverhill, Mass.-Desertion from

any manual labor whatsoever in conse-

pointment of a guardian.

of service origin.

of title to widow's pension under the W. K., Boston, Mass.-Invalid pension under both the general law and the act of June 27, 1890, commences from the date of filing of the application. The act of March 6, 1896, intended to insure the commencement of invalid pension under the act of 1890 from the date of filing of the first aplication therefor, is so construed as to be

J. T. G., Olney, Ill.—The Board of Penaffidavits may be filed in a rejected pension claim before an appeal is taken, as well as after an adverse decision has been rendered on the appeal. There is no way of determining what the decision of the Departthe general tendency of the decisions rendered during the past six months has been illiberal, an unfavorable decision should not be a surprise.

J. N. M., Bucyrus, O.—Rejected pension cases appealed to the Secretary of the In-terior are generally considered independently of each other. If a case is found that is identical with another case previously considered, the second case would swered the last roll call of earth and will probably be disposed of briefly with a no longer be found in our ranks or in our reference to the decision in the other case. See reply to J. T. G., above.

G. B. D., Newport, Ind .- All increases of pension drawn under the act of June 27. 1890, commence from the date of favorable medical examination. It is held that there is no such thing as a "new disability" claim under the act of 1890. The attorney's

W. A. T., Huron, Ind.-A pensioner removing to another part of the country need skirmish, on picket, or in action, or in the line of duty, shall be entitled to receive er's name is dropped from the roll,

### THE GRAND ARMY.

What Veterans Are Doing for the Good of the Order.

Commander-in-Chief J. P. S. Gobin has issued General Orders, No. 6, from National Headquarters, Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pa. The Grand Army of the Republic gladly and lovingly accepted the sion Appeals of the Interior Department is duty of paying tribute to the memory of our five or six months in arrears with its work. Additional evidence or any explanatory ance with the custom and requirements of our Order, the Commander-in-Chief directs attention to the coming Memorial Day,

May 30, 1898. He says: "On Memorial Day the Grand Army of the Republic presents to the world the ment might be in an appealed case. As evidence of our devotion to our comrades, our love for our country and our gratitude dress D. to Almighty God for the blessings we enjoy. On that day the Nation honors the memory of the men who through divine guidance were instrumental in preserving the Nation and securing to us as a people the blessings of liberty and National unity.

"Since last Memorial Day many comrades who were with us then have an-Post rooms. The tribute of love and reverhereafter pay to them. Upon the soldier's 'windowless palace of rest' let us in tenderness and love strew Spring's sweetest flowers, and let us as comrades of the war and citizens of the Nation pay our tribute in a sincerity and earnestness that will ington, was elected President. teach the world that the American citizen soldier in death as in life has his fame firmly fixed in the hearts of an appreciative not necessarily have his pension trans- people. May the tribute to the memory of our heroic dead and the presence of the living defenders of the Republic form the link between the achievements of the past, the security of the present, and the hope of the future.

## THE RELIEF CORPS.

News and Gossip of the Great Auxil-

The President of the W.R.C. has formally tendered the services of the organization to the President, in case of war, promising to do all that women could do in the ca? for the sick and wounded or to care for the dependent ones of those who are fighting for the flag.

Arrangements for the 16th National Convention are going on busily and prosperously, and everything promises a very successful season of work and pleasure. In recent General Orders, it is stated that National Headquarters will be established at "The Grand," and that members desiring to secure rooms there should address D. M. Shears, Vice-President and

On April 19 and 20, National President Martin visited the Department of Kansas and installed the new officers. Kansas has a membership of over 6,000, and the reports show not one Corps suspended. Mrs. Julia Campbell, of Hutchinson, was

elected President. On April 26 and 27, the National President visited the Department Convention of West Virginia and installed the new ence they have paid to others, we shall officers. The Convention was held at Huntington. The West Virginians are a little band of earnest, devoted workers who are very proud of their Department. Reports showed careful and conscientious work done, Mrs. Helen Lavalley, of Hunt-

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT. The month of April has been a busy one for the Illinois Department officers Three Corps have been organized-Mc-Henry, 129, a new Corps at Amboy, and another at Bridgeport, making 15 Corps which have been added to Illinois roster under the able administration of Department President, Miss Jennie Bross.

A reception and banquet was tendered Department Commander A. L. Schimpff, GAR, and Department President Jennie Bross, at Peoria, April 29, by the GAR, WRC, and S. of V. of that loyal city. Chicago Posts and Corps will tender a reception to the same popular officers on the evening of May 7, at the Sherman

House, Chicago. Corps 140, of Joliet, has furnished a room at the WRC Home at Wilmington. America Corps, 31, Chicago, held a memorial service in memory of Frances E. Willard, April 20, which was largely at-tended, many from other cities being present. Miss Willard was a member of America Corps.

The dedicatory exercises of the new Grand Army Hall at Decatur will take place May 9. Corps 4 will assist Post 141, G.A.R., in the program and arrangements, and an unusually interesting ceremony is promised. Illinois W.R.C. has been doing inestimable good in its extensive work of charity, and the year closes auspiciously. Department Convention convenes at Streator,

May 10-12. An invitation has been ex-

ended National President Sarah J. Martin

to be the guest of the Department of

Illinois.-Effie R. Kennedy, Department Press Correspondent.

had the Grand Army men for their guests. Mrs. Addie Reed, the Corps President, was Mistress of Ceremonies, and patriotic music and short speeches made the time pass very pleasantly.—Mellisa Williams, Secre-

Garfield Corps, 26, of Montesano, Wash. gave a very successful art and loan exhibition, realizing the sum of \$24 for their funds, besides having a pleasant and in-structive evening. The exhibit included old hand-woven linen and bedspreads, some 100-year old china; memorials of our civil war, including a sword and knife captured on the field of battle, specimens of our old-time fractional currency, and a splinter from the Kearsarge. A copy of the Ulster County (N. Y.) Gazette of 1800, containing a notice of the death of Gen. Washington, was of special interest. Besides the exhibit there was a program of music, tableaux and recitations, and to end all, light refreshments. It proved a very satisfactory evening.

## LOYAL HOME WORKERS.

Notes About the Members of the Association and Their Doings. Memorial Day.

To Emma K. Martin. Step softly, step gently, Beside the mossy bed; Bring laurels, bring roses, To crown each soldier's head. Sleep sweetly, sleep silently, Ye heroes true and brave,

While Stars and Stripes float proudly Above each patriot's grave. Teach patriotism and heroism To sons and daughters true,

And each Memorial Day bring flowers
To deck the gray and blue.

—Cad M. Kepner, Clarinda, Iowa. Dear L.H.W. Friends: When war seems to be the all-absorbing topic, our kind Secretary has written a short article which still reminds us of nature and the beauties of Spring as it is with us now. While reading I came across the following, which shows us how great men sometimes worship, and

caused me to send it. Henry Ward Beecher had the soul simplicity of a little child, and the secret of his power in one little scene is portrayed for us by Judge Tourgee. Mr. Tourgee tells us that one glorious Autumn day while hunting in the mountains near the Hudson he lost his way, and hearing a sudden noise in an adjoining thicket, he feared that it might be some wild animal which had a home on the lofty mountain-top, and hid himself beneath a tangle of underbrush

As he watched and waited for the intruder great was his surprise to see Henry Ward Beecher appear. Mr. Beecher carried wild flowers and Autumn leaves in his hands; these he laid tenderly upon a rock and then turned to survey the beautiful scene. Before Mr. Tourgee had summoned enough courage to come forward and announce himself, he being at the time a youth, Mr. Beecher bared his head, the unknown listener had never heard. prayer of thanksgiving to the Author of all Good, for the birds and the flowers, the Corps 6, Monmouth, Ill., celebrated its and the valleys, for friendship and friends, 15th anniversary, April 6, in a very happy for the love of God and man.—M. Rose fashion. The ladies gave a supper and Jansen.

## PUZZLES AND QUERIES.

Some Problems Which are Really Worth While Working Out.

Questions. (Third Series.)

31. When were nails first made by machinery?-Reader. 32. What would be the physical effects produced if the earth ceased to revolve about the sun?-Reader. 33. How is the weight of the earth ascer-

tained?-Teacher. 34. In view of the questions concerning the Mississippi River and the fact that the river's mouth is three or more miles farther from the center of the earth than its source, the question arises, Does water ever run up

hill?-Teacher. 35. What is understood by "up" and

'down?"-Teacher. 36. What is the difference between an "atom" and a .. molecule?" 37. What is the highest point in the United States?

38. What is point (dry land) farthest be

low sea level? 39. Why is the Tortugas chain of islands of strategic value? 40. How does cannon powder differ from ordinary powder?

Answers. (Second Series.) Mr. Asa W. Slayton, Grand Rapids, Mich., rises to a point of order. In the 69th question, for some reason to the compositor and proof-reader best known, alumi num was spelled "alluminum." Mr. Slayton noted the error in his answer, but this time the aforesaid c. and p. r. corrected the | This sounds very well, but in nine cases out spelling cited by Mr. Slayton from "alluminum" to "aluminum." r. Slayton

"My answer was: 'There is no such thing as alluminum.' The published answer drops out an 'l' and thus akes me use a term I declared non-existent. Aluminium is the right name for the metal sometimes called 'aluminum,' but never Personally the editor prefers "aluminum,

but "aluminium" is also correct; "all minum" unquestionably incorrect. Mr. Slayton sends answers to queries 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, all of which are correct. "Reader" sends two questions, ap-

pearing below. "Teacher" sends three questions, appearing below. 91. The knee of a borse is located at the second joint of the front leg.-O. H. Heizer,

Kratzerville, Pa. The knee in the foreleg is midway of the eg, or the first joint above the fetlock. In the hind-leg it is in the front of the thigh just back of and below the flank, and out of sight.-Asa W. Slayton, Grand Rapids. 92. Cows and all bovines rise from any reclining position on the ground hindlegs first.-Asa W. Slayton and O. A. Heiser.

93. In the Northern Hemisphere storms, evelones, even all whirlwinds that I ever | cured." saw, great or small, revolve in a direction contrary to the motion of the hands of a clock face up. In the Southern Hemisphere the motion is in same direction as

ern Hemisphere is from left to right; in the Northern He isphere, in the opposite direction. In the torrid zone they move in a westerly direction; in the temperate zones the direction is eastward, being generally northeast in the Northern Hemisphere, 114 So. Hoyne Ave., Chicago, Ill.

and southeast in the Southern Hemisphere.-O. A. Heiser.

94. Salt is a compound of 35.5 parts by weight (one atom) of chlorine, a greenish gas of choking smell, with 23 parts by weight (one atom) of sodium, a silvery-white, soft, light metal. Together these widely different substances make the familiar salt.

95. Kainite, used in making fertilizers, is compound salt of potassium chloride and sodium sulphate, obtained from the refuse at salt-works in this country, and

largely from the salt mines of Stassfurt, in Prussian Saxony.—Asa W. Slayton. 96. The continents elevate the bordering waters slightly by the attraction of the heavier, higher, solid land and rock.—Ass

97. The so-called coral insect is not an insect, but a polyp or zoophyte, an inverte-brate animal, a radiate, the lowest order of visible animal beings. There are many species, and generally each individual consists of a minute sack with one end open and surrounded by tentacles or arms, long or short, many or few, according to species this opening might be called the mouth and the sack, the stomach, and the t is all there is of the animal, except that the other end of the sack is attached to the solid substance left from his f od while living; and we pluck it from the bottom of

W. Slayton. He Didn't Want His Money Back .- In buying things now-a-days, even though the article be of small value, one frequently hears the remark, "if it is not satisfactory, return it and get your money back." of ten, the buyer is nevertheless a poorer, though a wiser man. Mr. Jacob Stauss, of Odenna, N. Dak., tells of a case, however, which was just the opposite.

the sea and have beautiful corals.-Asa

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his wife a great deal of good. When she had

used a few more bottles she was completely

### MAP OF THE IBERIAN PENINSULA—SPAIN AND PORTUGAL.

by Spain and Portugal, a small country on the west side of the peninsula bordering upon the Atlantic Ocean. Geographically, both countries must be considered as one. There is little difference in the soil, climate or language of the two countries, having the same geologic history and exhibiting unity in physical configuration. The area of the entire peninsula, exclusive of the sists of high, trecless plateaus, through which flow several im-Balearic Isles, is 225,695 square miles. The area of Spain is 191,- portant rivers, all of any size, with one exception, falling in to the 104 square miles; of Portugal, without the Azores Islands, 34,561 The entire peninsula has a coast line of 2,015 miles, of which 1,301 miles are on the Atlantic and 714 on the Mediterranean. which forms the border line between Spain and France. The outline of the peninsula resembles very much the physical char- by the English.

Our map shows the entire Iberian Peninsula, which is covered acteristics of the continent of Africa, with which it has even been compared. A very large proportion of the watershed of the country is toward the Atlantic Ocean, the slope toward the Mediterranean on the east side being narrow. In climate, vegitation and abundance of runhing water it is very much like the rest of southern Europe. Geologists believe that at some remote period it was joined to the British Islands The interior of the country con-Atlantic It has several mountain ranges which yield iron. Its square miles. The average elevation above the sea is 2,200 feet. only important islands near its main coast are the Balearic Isles in the Mediterranean some little distance to the east. The southern point of the peninsula is British territory, where Great Britain The width of the isthmus at the Pyrenees Mountains is 200 miles, | commands the entrance to the Mediterranean sea by the famous fortress of Gibraltar, an old Moorish town finally taken and held

#### the same bounty as if he had served out SONS OF VETERANS. his full term; and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed." The word "wounds" is broadly construed in the sense of injury, hurts, or other damage, as contradistinguished from disease or sickness. Deafness would be

SOUTH DAKOTA BOYS READY.

construed as "wound" if caused by ex-Many letters received from Camps and H. F. F., Satsuma, Fla.-No law requires a pension claimant to employ an attorney. The attorney has some rights as well as the claimant, and the Pension Bureau will not permit the claiman t to cere in their desire to serve their country. change attorneys whenever and as often He recently made the following tender of as he thinks proper. Nor will the Bureau the services of the Sons to the Governor, Nation. Dead, let their memory be honpermit the attorney to retain his attorneywriting: ship while continually neglecting his

client's interests. What may appear to the "In this hour of our country's need, when I claimant as a failure on the part of the atassailed by a foreign foe, we tender to you torney, to work for the claimant's interests the services of the loyal Sons of Veterans torney, but to the delays and neglect of the of this State. You will find them as valitorney, but to the delays and neglect of the lof this State. You will find them as valiceding Memorial Day. The 30th National Pension Bureau. This is so commonly the lent as were their fathers in the dark days.

case that it may be fairly presumed that of '61-65."

from, it is not because the attorney has action, but is because the Pension Bureau response to the repeated inoffer of services such as yours are very day. puiries and requests of the attorney. The thousands of cases in which it seems immuch appreciated, especially as being indicpossible to secure any action, or even ative of patriotism, love of liberty and unobtain a reply to inquiries made, are inexdying devotion to our country, so characteristic of the veterans of the war of the rebel- elected the following officers: Com., Rich-N. A. M., Coyleville, Pa.-The widow of a soldier of the late war can take up land lion. In case of further calls for troops, and Robertson, Wheeling; S. V. C., C. R. under the homestead laws upon the same your valuable services may be utilized as Lavalley, Huntington; J. V. C., A. Brandterms that the soldier himself might if liv-ing. For information relative to the public lands, address the "Commissioner of the service; but, I am glad to say, the same J. M. B., Norman, O. T.-No bounty spirit of patriotism which prevailed in '61 was allowed commissioned officers of vol- is extant to-day, and more than enough unteers in the late war for their services | men have already signified their readiness as such. A volunteer who entered the to fill the designated quota for South Daservice as an enlisted man in 1862, and kota, of one regiment of infantry, under was promoted to the grade of commissioned | the call for 125,000 men."

officer before two years' service, would not Since preparations were begun for war be entitled to any bounty. If you have rethere has been a revival of interest in the ceived duplicate receipts to sign, it would | Order in South Dakota. A charter has Indicate that something is found due you. been issued for a Camp at Leola. Supplies H. C. V. D. V.-The Pension Bureau has | have been forwarded a Camp at Hot Springs, no jurisdiction in the matter of the ap- and applications have been received for pointment of guardians for pensioners or charters from Sioux Falls, Wentworth, Alpension claimants. It may, however, recester and Mansfield. Old Camps are also guire the appointment of a guardian, and | showing gains.

### MAINE DIVISION AFFAIRS.

The 16th annual Encampment will be held at Pittsfield, June 8 and 9. Members of the Order in that city, with the assistance of patriotic people both in the ranks invalid pension under the general law for of the G.A.R. and W.R.C. and those who total deafness of one ear is \$10 per month; are not affiliated with either Order, are endeavoring to make the occasion a pleasant other the rate is \$20; for total deafness of and profitable one. Col. Soule will call one ear and severe of the other the rate is the Encampment to order on the morning of June 8. In the evening a ball will be tendered the Sons and L.A.S. The election of officers, June 9, will be followed by a grand Campfire in the evening. Commander-in-Chief Darling and Rev. C. A.

Southard, Department Commander of G.A.R., have promised to be present. It is urged upon the Maine Camps by Col. Soule that a roll of honor be established containing the names of members who are in the militia or United States service. At each meeting the name of such brethren should be credited as on the Regular Army prior to the war of the leave of absence. Under no circumstances should they be marked absent. It is act of June 27, 1890, for faithful service further urged that no brother on such under enlistment or enlistments entered duty should be allowed to be suspended or

Leave has been granted Capt. George W. dier is immaterial in the determination | Young and First Lieut. M. R. Pillsbury, of | my irons from them.

Anderson Camp, 7, Rockland, who have enlisted in the volunteer service of the

United States. Loyal Young Men and Their Great of the Republic receive its tribute. Let orators in no unmeaning or thoughtless phrase, but in sincerity, proclaim the glorious deeds they wrought and the result accomplished, and thus instill into the hearts Many letters received from Camps and of the people a patriotism that will keep individuals have convinced Col. R. J. our land united and keep every man a de-Courtney, commanding the Division of fender of the Nation's honor. The heroism South Dakota, that the members are sin- and devotion of the American soldier and sailor have given to history its brightest pages. Living, let their every effort be for the upbuilding and advancement of the

It is enjoined upon all Posts that, in accordance with the custom now firmly established throughout the Order, that they attend divine service on the Sunday pre-President Lincoln's address at Gettysburg be made a special feature in all Memorial Day exercises held under the auspices of "Your communication offering the serv- the Grand Army of the Republic. Comices of the loyal Sons of Veterans of this manders of Posts are to direct that it be State received, and in answer will say the read in connection with the exercises of the

WEST VIRGINIA ENCAMPMENT.

The recent Encampment of the Department of West Virginia, held at Huntington, Buckley, Parkersburg; S. B. Ayers, Grafton; C. B. McIntosh, Charleston; Wm. Bishop, Huntington; H. J. Felber, Wheeling. Delegates, M. B. Bartlett, Parkersburg; James Watson, Morgantown, and W. H. Aspinall, Weston. Alternates, Thos Sykes, Huntington; George B. Woodcock' New Martinville, and Dixon R. King, Bell-,

Commander Robertson has established Department Headquarters at Wheeling. He announces in General Orders the appointment of the following staff: Ass't Adj't-Gen. and Ass't Q. M.-Gen., Jos. A. Arkle, Wheeling; Judge-Advocate, Leroy Rollins, Clarksburg; Chief Mustering Officer, Eugene Lanham, Independence; In-spector, Charles T. Reed, Wheeling; Chief of Staff, Geo. K. Mallory, Parkersburg.

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